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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

GUNN ET AL

Examiner

Fazli Erdem

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 06 December 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-73 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 36-73 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,2,4 and 11 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 3,5-10 and 12-35 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.


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Primary Examiner
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Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

1. Claim 36-73 allowed.
2. Claims 3,5-10 and 12-35 objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claims 1, 2, 4 and 11 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sugiyama et al. (6,075,253) in view of Khan et al. (2003/0176075) further in view of Ramdani et al. (2003/0027409).

Regarding Claims 1, 2, 4 and 11, Sugiyama et al. disclose a monocrystalline semiconductor photodetector where in Fig. 6 it is disclose the semiconductor substrate 1 a buried silicon layer 2 for conducting light, a germanium layer 7 for conducting light and insulating/dielectric spacer 4. Sugiyama et al. fail to disclose the required cladding layer and plurality of electrodes for the silicon and the germanium layers. However, Khan et al. disclose techniques for plasma etching silicon-germanium where in Fig. 4F, layers 410 and 432 are the cladding layers for plurality of dielectric materials. Furthermore, Ramdani et al. disclose a germanium semiconductor structure, integrated circuit and

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process of fabricating the same where in Fig. 30, contacts 1566 and 1564 are connected to silicon layer 1104 and contacts 1562 and 1564 are connected to germanium layer 124

It would have been obvious to one of having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to include the required cladding layer and the plurality of contacts in Sugiyama et al. as taught by Khan et al. and Ramdani et al., respectively, in order to have a photodetector with increased functionality.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Fazli Erdem whose telephone number is (571) 272-1914. The examiner can normally be reached on M - F 8:00 - 5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nathan Flynn can be reached on (571) 272-1915. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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